



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2012

1:00 PM

Arizona Supreme Court – State Courts Building
Conference Rooms 345 A/B (3rd Floor)
1501 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission convened on January 26, 2012 at the Arizona Supreme Court, State Courts Building in Conference Room 345 A/B located at 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Members Present

Cecil Patterson, Jr.
Cindi Nannetti
Alice Bustillo
Robert Brutinel
Chad Campbell
Robert Duber
Tim Dunst
Charles Flanagan

Dan Goldfine
Carol Hirschberg-James
James Molina
Dennis Pickering
Tom Pickrell
Robert Thomas
Myrtle Young

Members Absent

Merissa Amiri
Xavier Cameron
Helen Gandara
Jessica Hermann
Derrick Johnson
Guy Penns
Shaun Rieve

Sammy Robinson
Rob Lubitz
Vada Jo Phelps
Chris Schopen
Judy Tom
Nina White
June Willson

Staff and Guests Present

John Raeder
Tammy Paz-Combs
Sonya Pierce-Johnson
Ashley Miles
Steve Selover
Dona Markley
David Redpath
John Vivian

A. Call to Order

Chairman Cecil Patterson called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Patterson requested introductions by all in the room be made.

C. Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Planning

I. Planning Process

Mr. John Raeder introduced himself to the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (Commission) as the new Juvenile Justice Specialist.

Mr. Raeder explained that the Commission serves as the advisory group for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, (Title II Grant Program), the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) and the Children's Justice Act. One of the core functions of the Commission is adopting priorities for each of the programs to be included in their respective three year plans which will be used to guide future funding decisions.

Mr. Raeder explained that today's meeting will be used to approve priority areas for inclusion in the Title II, the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant and the Children's Justice Act Grant three year plans and serve as the first steps for aligning funding and developing strategic goals for the Commission.

II. Juvenile Justice Data Trends

Mr. David Redpath, Research Manager with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) provided an overview from the *Arizona's Juvenile Court Report*, which was previously known as the *Juveniles Processed Report*. This report offered an overview of the juveniles processed at various stages of the juvenile justice system. Selected breakdowns of unduplicated juvenile counts were presented at the following stages: referral, detention, diversion, petition, dismissal, penalty only, standard probation, Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision (JIPS), Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC), Juveniles Direct Filed and transfers to adult court.

Mr. Redpath noted that the system is generating fewer referrals at each decision point and this trend has been occurring over the last several years. This trend could be the result of an increase

in diversion programs, fewer status offenders and fewer juveniles being referred as a result of misdemeanors.

Mr. Pickering requested that relevant statistical data, such as total juvenile population, be provided to put the data in context.

Dr. John Vivian, Research and Development Administrator with the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) presented on the ADJC's population statistics. This presentation included information on population by status, total intake, new commitment demographics, new commitment delinquency history, new commitment needs, length of stay by status and return to custody.

Director Flanagan stated that reform needs to focus on committing the appropriate juvenile offender at the right time so that services can be provided by the ADJC before the juvenile ages out of the system.

III. Compliance Monitoring

Mr. Steve Selover presented on Arizona's compliance with the Core Requirements of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act (JJDP). This presentation included data on the deinstitutionalization of status offenders (DSO), sight and sound separation, and jail removal. Mr. Selover reported that Arizona was in compliance with the JJDP in regards to DSO violations and removal of juveniles from adult jails/lockup, however, was out of compliance with the sight and sound separation requirement. The following recommendations were presented for adoption and inclusion in Arizona's three year plan:

Addressing Jail Removal violations

- On-site Law Enforcement Training
- Site Visits with high violating agencies
- Online access to compliance information
- Promote use of alternative centers

Addressing DSO violations

- Meet with Juvenile Court Judges and Probation
- Decreased response times to address violations with agency

Addressing Separation

- Highlight 2011 separation violation to promote ID verify prior to detainment
- Emphasize "one and done" provision and connection to funding in training/online materials
- Review adult inmate admissions in city jail facilities to promote accountability

Dr. Robert Thomas moved to adopt the compliance monitoring recommendations for inclusion in Arizona's three year plan. Mr. Dan Goldfine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

Ms. Sonya Pierce-Johnson presented on the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). The purpose of the JABG funding is to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve the juvenile justice

system and increase accountability for juvenile offenders. Ms. Pierce -Johnson stated that the annual award for JABG is \$787,638 and it is used to support 11 contracts with local units of government. Funding is also utilized for two (2) State Retained contracts which support the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The following 17 JABG program purpose areas and four (4) State Retained priority areas were presented for adoption and inclusion in Arizona's three year plan:

JABG State Retained priority areas:

- Information Sharing
- Risk and Needs Assessment
- Accountability-based Programs
- Training

JABG program purpose areas:

- Juvenile Record Systems
- Graduated Sanctions
- Facilities and Training
- Court Staffing and Pretrial services
- Prosecutors (Staffing)
- Prosecutors (Funding)
- Training: Law Enforcement and Court Personnel
- Juvenile Gun Courts
- Juvenile Drug Courts
- Information Sharing
- Accountability
- Risk and Needs Assessment
- Restorative Justice
- Juvenile Court and Probation
- Detention and Corrections Personnel

Mr. Tom Pickrell moved to adopt the 17 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program purpose areas and the four (4) priority areas for the state retained projects/programs for the 2012 contract year. Ms. Myrtle Young seconded the motion. Director Charles Flanagan and Mr. Chad Campbell abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Title II Formula Grant

Mr. Raeder provided a presentation on the Title II Formula Grant. The grant is awarded by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Each State allocation is based on juvenile population. In order to be eligible for funding states must submit a three year plan and annual updates. States also must demonstrate compliance with the four core requirements of the Act which are:

- Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders
- Sight and Sound Separation
- Jail Removal
- Disproportionate Minority Contact

Mr. Raeder explained that the goal of the program is to improve juvenile justice systems by increasing the availability and types of prevention and intervention programs. The annual award is approximately \$867,249 and is used for pass-thru to subgrantees, as well as the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission, compliance monitoring and administration. The Title II Formula Grant program has 35 purpose areas. The following purpose areas were presented for adoption and inclusion in Arizona's three year Title II plan:

- Alternatives to Detention
- Compliance Monitoring
- Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders
- Delinquency Prevention
- Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Juvenile Justice System Improvement
- Mental Health
- Native American Programs
- Planning and Administration (standard program area)
- State Advisory Council (standard program area)

Mr. Dan Goldfine moved to adopt the proposed eight (8) purpose areas and two (2) standard areas for inclusion in Arizona's three year Title II plan. Dr. Robert Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 ayes, two (2) no votes.

VI. Children's Justice Grant

Mr. Raeder presented on the Children's Justice Act grant (CJA). The purpose of the grant is to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim. The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission serves as the advisory council, conducts a three-year assessment and provides policy and training recommendations for Children's Justice Act funding. The annual Children's Justice allocation is approximately \$375,000 and is used to support statewide training efforts and eight (8) coordinators. The coordinators are responsible for organizing multidisciplinary teams for their counties, conducting mandatory reporter trainings and providing training on the county multidisciplinary protocols for the investigation of child abuse.

Ms. Cindi Nannetti noted an increase in demand for the statewide training team due to the momentum created by the Arizona Child Safety Taskforce recommendations.

Mr. Raeder also presented on the work of the Arizona Child Safety Taskforce. The Taskforce was formed to provide Governor Brewer with statutory, organizational, management and protocol recommendations necessary to enhance the safety for children involved in suspected cases of child abuse and/or neglect. The Taskforce solicited information from a variety of multidisciplinary experts from throughout the state and received hundreds of pieces of input from concerned citizens and professionals. Mr. Raeder proposed that the information collected by the Child Safety Taskforce be used as the needs assessment required by the Children's Justice Act grant in lieu of the assessment that had already begun with Pima Prevention Partnership.

Chairman Cecil Patterson suggested that a subcommittee examine both efforts to identify if the work of the Child Safety Taskforce could be used by the Commission as the assessment required by the Children's Justice Act grant. The following five (5) priority areas were presented for adoption and inclusion in Arizona's three year Children's Justice Act plan:

- Supporting the development and on-going operations of child and family advocacy centers and development of new centers.
- Training for professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and child exploitation cases.
- Interagency council's (IACs) and multidisciplinary teams (MDTs).
- Information technology that improves case tracking and reporting capabilities at advocacy centers and IACs/MDTs.
- Equipment to conduct investigations of child abuse and child exploitation.

Director Flanagan motioned to adopt the five (5) priorities for Arizona's three year Children's Justice Act plan. Ms. Alice Bustillo seconded the motion. Ms. Cindi Nannetti abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Next Steps

Mr. Raeder explained that staff would begin developing the three year plans for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, Title II, and the Children's Justice Act grant based on the priority areas approved during the meeting. Mr. Raeder also reiterated the ongoing goals of identifying common priorities among funding streams and developing an overarching strategic plan for the commission that address state priorities.

D. Approval of Minutes

Justice Robert Brutinel moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2011 meeting as drafted by staff. Mr. Chad Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Announcements

No announcements.

F. 2012 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Alice Bustillo expressed concerns with the meeting date in July which is usually cancelled due to several of the Commission members being on summer vacation and the meeting not being able to meet quorum. Commission members suggested that the May meeting be moved to June and the July meeting be cancelled. Staff will provide members with an updated meeting schedule at the March meeting.

G. Call to the Public

Public members did not respond to the call.

F. Adjournment

Chairman Patterson adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.